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## ARIZONA EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT & HEALTH BOARD SOUTH PHOENIX REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the First Things First South Phoenix Regional Partnership Council; Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board was held on June 15, 2010 in the Cartwright Elementary School District Board Room, 3401 North 67<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85033. Chair Robert Donofrio called the regular meeting to order at 4:40 p.m.

**Council Members in Attendance:** Reverend Rosalind Polston, Member; Moises Gallegos, Member; Eva Marie Shivers, Member; Cindy Segotta-Jones, Member; Robert Donofrio, Chair.

**Members Not in Attendance:** William Ellert, Member; James Washington, Vice Chair; Patricia Merk, Member.

**Member Present By Phone:** Mauricio Martinez, Member; Mary Thomson, Member

**Quorum:** Established.

A brief welcome by Chair Donofrio and introduction of guests in attendance took place.

**Staff in Attendance:** Jonathon Gonzales, Regional Coordinator; Briggetta Hawks, Administrative Assistant, Tracey Craig, Regional Manager.

2. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC:** None

3. **CONSENT AGENDA:** May 18, 2010 Meeting Minutes: Member Cindy Segotta-Jones moved to approve the meeting minutes of May 18, 2010, second by Member Moises Gallegos, all in favor, Mr. Mauricio Martinez indicated that his name needs to be added as he was present in person at this meeting; motion carried. May 21, 2010 Meeting Minutes: Reverend Rosalind Polston moved to approve the special phone meeting minutes of May 21, 2010, second by Member Eva Marie Shivers, all in favor, Mr. Mauricio Martinez needs to be added as present by phone at this meeting; motion carried.

4. **COUNCIL MEMBER UPDATES:** A few updates were shared by Council Members. Chair Donofrio thanked Member Cindy Segotta-Jones for consistently hosting the Council for their monthly meetings.

**Motion:** Member Eva Marie Shivers moved and requested formally to receive updates on legislation, second by Member Cindy Segotta-Jones, all in favor, no discussion; motion carried. Updates will be provided to the Council at the next meeting.

5. **RESOLUTION OPPOSING HCR2001:** In response to the State Board's resolution opposing HCR2001, Chair Donofrio expressed to Coordinator Gonzales that he would like Jonathon to draft a resolution opposing HCR2001 which allows the legislature to sweep the funding for First Things First and seize future tobacco revenue to place in the State's general fund. Provided in Council packets for their review and consideration is a resolution for the South Phoenix Regional Partnership Council opposing HCR2001.

**Motion:** Member Moises Gallegos moved to accept the resolution opposing HCR2001 by the South Phoenix Regional Partnership Council, second by Reverend Rosalind Polston, all in favor, no discussion; motion carried.

6. **SYSTEM BUILDING UPDATES:** Provided in Council packets was information on the Arizona Early Childhood Task Force which is focusing on clarifying roles of all the system partners, First Things First Priorities to guide decision making and narrow the focus on funding decisions. Dr. Eva Marie Shivers questioned, "Why now?" Dr. Shivers feels that this should be held off on until after the

November election. Dr. Shivers wonders if this is a duplication of services and is not clear on the focus of the Task Force. Dr. Shivers expressed concern and is wondering if the Task Force is looking at data to see which strategies are successful. The Council in general does not feel that the information that has been provided in reports is adequate. Coordinator Gonzales will continue to keep the Council updated on new developments.

7. **NEEDS & ASSETS UPDATE:** The Council was provided an outline of the Needs & Assets by email and a hard copy at the meeting. Member Moises Gallegos provided the vendor MGT with information on foreclosures in the South Phoenix Region. The Council expressed that the report did not include all of the South Phoenix School Districts. Coordinator Gonzales pointed out the timeline for studies and surveys included in their packet. Member Moises Gallegos questioned if the Needs and Assets report would include information on obesity in children. The Council would like to have data on the effectiveness of strategies funded by the South Phoenix Council and questioned when this information would be available for their review. Coordinator Gonzales advised that the program monitoring piece of this would be extremely costly, and that the evaluation department is compiling information for each region.

8. **STRATEGY 17 UPDATE:** Tabled.

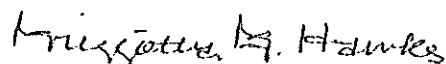
9. **COMMUNICATION UPDATE:** Coordinator Gonzales asked for a volunteer to represent the Council at a communication meeting on June 17, 2010 from 9am – 11 am. Vice Chair James Washington was going to attend this meeting, but he is out of town. Chair Donofrio would like Jonathon to send the information to him in an email and he will determine if he is available to attend.

10. **COUNCIL MEMBER CELEBRATION:** Chair Robert Donofrio presented to Members Rosalind Polston, Member Moises Gallegos, Member Cindy Segotta-Jones, and recognized Member Mauricio Martinez who lost phone connection and Member Patricia Merk, not present for their outstanding volunteer service to children and their families in the South Phoenix Region. Dr. Donofrio complimented the term-ending members and the members continuing on for their ability to bond, their passion, and the expertise each brought to the table. Chair Donofrio also complimented and thanked Coordinator Jonathon Gonzales and Regional Manager Tracey Craig for their excellent leadership skills. The outgoing members in attendance commented on their experience as Council Members for the past few years.

10. **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:** Tuesday, August 17, 2010 at the Cartwright Elementary School District, 3401 North 67<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85033. Coordinator Gonzales advised that there will also be a summit in August, and due to Council Members being out of town in July, there will not be a meeting for this month.

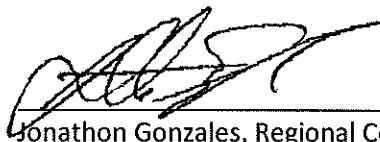
11. **ADJOURNMENT:** The Council lost quorum during item #10. The meeting was done at 6:30 pm at which time the Council shared sandwiches and snacks.

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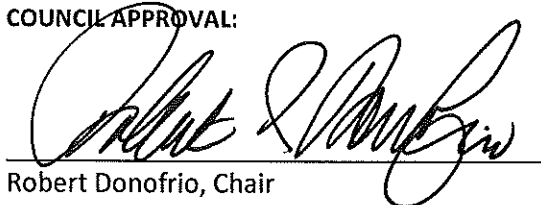


Briggetta Hawks, Administrative Assistant

APPROVED:

  
Jonathon Gonzales, Regional Coordinator

COUNCIL APPROVAL:

  
Robert Donofrio, Chair